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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

**GRAY, COLLINS, HWANG, GODFREY,
KOWBEL, and ROMMENS**

Application No.: 08/731,499

Filed: 10/16/1996

For: **GENES FROM THE 20q13
AMPLICON AND THEIR USES**

Examiner: Nancy Johnson

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months; and
- 2) Copy of a revocation and substitute power of attorney with change in correspondence address.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1, 6-19, 23, and 45-67 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 24-44 being cancelled and no claims being added herein. No claims are amended herein.

Claims 1, 6-19, 45, 46, and 58-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 23, 45, and 46 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly obvious in light of various GenBank Accession Numbers (ESTs) as summarized herein, taken with Matthews and Kricka (1988) *Analytical Biochem.*, 169: 1-25.